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SUBJ: SECOND TRANS-SAHARAN GRAIN SHIPMENT TO NIGER

REF: NIAMEY 3340; ALGIERS 2056, ALGIERS 2017; ALGIERS 2028

1. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE 1500 TONS OF SORGHUM DISCHARGED ALGIERS. A TELEPHONE CALL TO SNTR, NOURREDINE, CONFIRMED THESE FIGURES. ONLY POSSIBLE CONFUSION COULD BE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TRUCK CAPACITY AND ACTUAL LOAD. NOURREDINE SAID SOME TRUCKS LOADED LIGHT BY SONATMAG, BUT GILL AND SNTR TRIED TO RECTIFY THIS.

2. TOTAL 76 TRUCKS, ALGIERS 2056 OF SEPTEMBER 26, OF 12 TO 30 TONS SENT SOUTH. SIMPLE MULTIPLICATION OF TOTAL TRUCKS AND MAXIMUM CAPACITY MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR SHIPMENT TO BE ANYWHERE NEAR 16,600 TONS.

3. FINAL THIRD TRUCK CONVOY OF SORGHUM SHIPMENT BECAME BROKEN UP DUE TO DELAYS IN LOADING IN ALGIERS. SNTR HAS NO NEW INFORMATION ON ETA. RECAPITULATION ON UNCLASSIFIED

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THIRD CONVOY INDICATES: THIRTEEN 20 TON TRUCKS DEPARTED

ALGIERS SEPTEMBER 18 WITH ETA AGADEZ SEPTEMBER 29
(ALGIERS 2017); SEVEN 20 TON TRUCKS DEPARTED
ALGIERS SEPTEMBER 20 WITH ETA AGADEZ OCTOBER 1
(ALGIERS 2028), AND LAST 12 TRUCKS, SIZE NOT STATED,
DEPARTED ALGIERS SEPTEMBER 26 WITH ETA AGADEZ OCTOBER 8-9
(ALGIERS 2056). THREE HUNDRED TONS OF THIS LAST CONVOY
WERE TO BE SENT TO INGALL.

4. USINT NOTES THAT TOTAL TRUCKS DEPARTING ALGIERS
AND NUMBER OF TRUCKS ARRIVING AGADEZ DIFFER. THIS
MAY BE EXPLAINED BY EFFORT TO RELOAD TO TRUCK CAPACITY.
NOURREDINE SAYS TWO TRUCKS ELIMINATED IN THIS FASHION
SO TOTAL TRUCKS SENT SOUTH MAY NOT TOTAL 76 AS REPORTED
FROM ALGIERS. THEREFORE, ACCURATE COUNT OF BAGS OF
SORGHUM UNLOADED AT EACH POINT OF DISCHARGE IN NIGER
ESSENTIAL FOR CALCULATING COSTS.PARKER

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